

FIRE MANAGEMENT

Volunteer Firefighting Assistance federal matching grants with a combined value of \$564,255 were provided to 75 rural fire departments, and 124 pieces of equipment were assigned to rural fire departments through the Federal Excess Property

Program. The acquisition value of this equipment totaled \$1,955,772.55.

Firefighter training was provided for 559 individuals through 31 training programs. Fire Headquarters Staff conducted or assisted with 69 **prescribed fires** on 6,061.56 acres across the state, and assisted rural fire departments with the suppression of 21 complex fires throughout Indiana that burned 2,203 acres. The **fire prevention** message was carried to approximately 20,834 individuals through 43 programs, addressing topical information on fire prevention, fire management, urban interface, forestry and fire safety.